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TOWN OF SIMSBURY  
AGING AND DISABILITY COMMISSION

October 18, 2011  
Meeting Minutes

Chairperson, Edward LaMontagne called the meeting to order in the Youth Room, Eno Memorial Hall, Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070 at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Victor Bible, Grace Comeau, Kathy Fallon, Mona Herman, Mike Jennings, Marvin Koff, Edward LaMontagne, Mary Ellen Long, Mona Martinik, Peggy Shanks, Charlotte Steptoe, Ron Zappile, Joe Loewy, (Simsbury Housing Authority), John Hampton (Board of Selectman Liaison), Kathleen Marschall, (Senior Center Coordinator), Arpit Dave (student liaison)

Excused: Carrie Kramer, Arlene Zappile, Mark Orenstein, Lynn Veith

Public Audience: None

Minutes, Previous Meeting: The meeting minutes from September 20, 2011 were reviewed. Mr. Zappile made a motion to accept the minutes with grammatical corrections. Ms. Martinik seconded.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Souper Tuesday – Grace Comeau

Ms. Comeau reported that the Souper Tuesday event held today consisted of the annual fashion show. Members of the community modeled clothing from the Second Hand Shop. There were approximately one hundred seventeen attendees. Members of the Lions Club volunteered to assist with the luncheon. Mr. LaMontagne distributed the program budget reconciliation, which indicates a balance of \$196.83 after today's expenditures. Mr. LaMontagne requested that Ms. Marshall transfer \$200.00 from the general A&D Commission account to the Souper Tuesday account to cover the expenses for the November 15th Souper Tuesday event.

Public Relations – Vic Bible

Mr. Bible stated that he sent out a press release to various print media

regarding the Medicare Part D open enrollment change.

#### SENIOR CENTER REPORT – Kathy Marschall

Ms. Marschall provided an update on the following senior center activities:

- A flyer regarding the 2012 Medicare Part D Enrollment was distributed.
- The Senior Center woodworking group is seeking new members. The group meets on Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

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- A flyer from the Simsbury High School Department of Performing Arts was distributed. All of the events listed are free to seniors with their VIP Pass.
- The Archdiocese of Hartford returned the check, which was to be used for insuring the Picnic in the Park event had it not been cancelled.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Handicapped Parking Issue  
Mr. Jennings recounted his experience with parking his van in handicapped parking spaces in the Drake Hill Mall. A proposal was distributed with suggestions for dealing with the handicapped issues in town. After review several revisions were made. These revisions will be made to the final document before approval by the Commission.

Eagle Scout project Update  
Mr. LaMontagne stated that Mr. Gallerini's Eagle Scout project has been approved by the Boy Scouts. He does require written approval from the Commission before he begins. Mr. LaMontagne will follow up.

Independent Transportation Network  
A proposal was submitted by Margaret Smith Hale, Executive Director of the ITN of North Central CT. The proposal indicated the minimum requirements for the ITN to expand to the Town of Simsbury. After discussion several questions were raised by Commission members. Mr.

LaMontagne will follow up with Ms. Hale for clarification.

#### Accessibility Study Status

Mr. LaMontagne stated that all areas of the study have been submitted and he is in the process of writing the report.

#### Senior Center Needs Assessment

There has been no further update regarding the Senior Center Needs Assessment. Mr. Hampton stated that public hearings should be scheduled before the end of the year.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Student Liaison

Mr. LaMontagne introduced Arpit Dave who was appointed the student liaison at the last Board of Selectman meeting.

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#### Voting Accessibility

Mr. LaMontagne asked that Commissioners assess the accessibility of polling places during the November 8th election. It was recommended that a letter be sent to the Registrar of Voters, with a copy to the principal of the schools where voting takes place, reminding them of accessibility requirements.

#### NCRMHB Report

Mr. LaMontagne provided information regarding the Connecticut Dental

Health Partnership. The program provides referrals to dentists for individuals with mental health issues who are on Medicaid.

### CORRESPONDENCE

None

### OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business reported.

### ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Zappile made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Koff seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Town of Simsbury Aging and Disability Commission will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room of Eno Memorial Hall on Hopmeadow Street.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. LaMontagne

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Chairman